Make Your Vote Count. National Disability Voting Rights Week: September 9 - 13



People with disabilities make up <u>over 16%</u> of eligible U.S. voters but <u>face barriers</u> to registering to vote and <u>casting a ballot</u>.



Less than half of eligible voters with disabilities participated in the 2020 election.



Federal surveys only collect voting rates of people with certain disabilities. Those with **communication disabilities** are **not** counted **at all**.

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Make a Plan to Vote (English) Make a Plan
to Vote (Spanish)

How to vote in Illinois with a disability



What is Disability Voting Rights Week?

- A <u>nonpartisan</u> initiative organized by the <u>American Association of People with</u> <u>Disabilities</u>' REV UP campaign
- Aims to champion <u>accessible futures</u>, <u>celebrate</u> the vibrant <u>disability</u> <u>community</u>, and build <u>political power</u>.

Know Your Rights!

- If you need <u>reasonable</u> accommodations to vote, you are <u>entitled by law</u> to receive them.
- Accommodations can include:
 - o Someone to help fill out a ballot
 - Voting by mail
- Poll workers may <u>wrongly assume</u> voters
 who have <u>difficulty speaking</u> lack the
 <u>capacity</u> to <u>vote</u> even if they have
 <u>access</u> to an <u>alternative form</u> of
 communication.
- If this happens to you (and you are not subject to guardianship) you can <u>report</u> this as discrimination and ask for help.